

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The deadline to submit entries for the 28th annual Congressional Art Competition is April 29. Entries must be delivered to Congressman Sam Farr's Salinas or Santa Cruz District offices. A reception and judging will take place on May 11 in San Juan Bautista.

High school students living in the 17th Congressional District may compete. Artwork must be original, two-dimensional and when framed cannot be larger than 30 inches x 30 inches x 4 inches. Acceptable categories include collage, computer-generated art, drawings, mixed media, paintings, photography and prints.

The first place winner will receive three roundtrip tickets to Washington from Southwest Airlines, and the Savannah College of Art and Design will provide a \$1,500 renewable scholarship. A reception for winners will be held in Washington on June 24 and the student's artwork will be displayed in the Capitol for a year.

The contest is held in communities across the country and is the brainchild of the Congressional Arts Caucus, of which Rep. Farr is a member.

"The connection between art and a well-rounded education is clear, and I'm proud that Congress hosts this contest to promote art in our schools," Rep. Farr said. "We need to work hard to keep art programs in as many schools as possible, as they're a very important part of developing an educated population."

The Central Coast's contest is organized by Bertha Muñoz, a congressional aide in Rep. Farr's Salinas office. For further information on the program, call Muñoz at 831-424-2229.

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